

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 16-19 are pending in this application. Claims 16-18 are amended by the present amendment. As amended Claims 16-18 are supported by the original disclosure,¹ no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 16-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Kim et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,301,587, hereinafter Kim) in view of Mishina (U.S. Patent No. 5,745,643).

The outstanding rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended Claim 16 recites in part, “said cell general information includes numeral information of a start still picture VOB entry of one or more still picture VOB entries and numeral information of an end still picture VOB entry of the still picture VOB entries.”

The outstanding Office Action apparently cited the original and user defined PGC tables in Figures 3a and 3b of Kim as “program chain information including cell information.”² However, it is respectfully submitted that Kim does not describe that any of the cells 1 through k include “a start still picture VOB entry” or “an end still picture VOB entry” as recited in amended Claim 16. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Kim does not teach or suggest “cell general information” as recited in Claim 16.

Mishina describes a recording medium including PCG information 104 including a cell position information table 108.³ However, it is respectfully submitted that Mishina does not teach or suggest that cell position information table 108 includes “numeral information of

¹See, e.g. the specification at page 77, line 24 to page 78, line 5, page 81, line 25 to page 82, line 4, and Figures 12 and 25.

²See the outstanding Office Action at page 3, lines 8-14.

³See Mishina, Figure 27.

an end still picture VOB entry” as recited in Claim 16. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that Mishina also does not teach or suggest “cell general information” as recited in Claim 16.

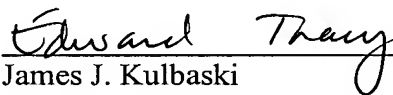
Accordingly, Claim 16 (and Claim 19 dependent therefrom) is patentable over Kim in view of Mishina.

Independent Claims 17 and 18 recite similar elements to Claim 16. Consequently, Claims 17 and 18 are believed to be patentable over Kim in view of Mishina for at least the reasons described above with respect to Claim 16.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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